



# AAC ENERGY ASSISTANCE

## FUEL OIL/PROPANE CUSTOMER PROTECTIONS

- Decreases the minimum delivery amount that retail oil or propane dealers must make from 125 to 100 gallons.
- **Requires oil and propane gas dealers who provide pre-paid contracts to guarantee either:**
  - that 80% of the oil or gas they commit to providing is backed by forwards contracts (contracts in which the seller guarantees to deliver a commodity at some point in the future); or
  - that 50% of the total amount they received from customers is backed by a surety bond.

## OPERATION FUEL

- Appropriates **\$8.5m** to Operation Fuel for emergency home heating assistance for households with income levels between 150-200% FPL (for a family of 4, income range \$31,800-\$42,400).
- Appropriates **\$5m** to Operation Fuel for emergency home heating assistance for households with income levels between 200% FPL-100% SMI (for a family of 4, income range \$42,400-\$93,821).
- Appropriates **\$500k** to Operation Fuel for administrative purposes.

## SCHOOL HEATING ASSISTANCE

- Appropriates **\$6.5m** to local and regional school districts for school heating assistance. Grants are calculated on a per pupil basis.
- Requires legislative review of the allocation plan.

## ELDERLY HEATING ASSISTANCE

- Appropriates **\$4m** to provide home heating assistance to seniors age 65 and older who have incomes at or below 100% SMI (for one person \$48,786; for two people \$63,798).
- Allows OPM to spend up to **\$500k** to identify and notify eligible seniors.
- Requires legislative review of the allocation plan.

## NONPROFIT HEATING ASSISTANCE

- Appropriates **\$3.5m** to provide heating assistance grants to human service and public health nonprofit organizations.
- Recipients may include adult day care centers, residential services to the homeless, services to domestic violence victims, and others.
- Requires legislative review of the allocation plan.

## SPENDING

- Total spending on specified programs: **\$28m**
- Estimated '08 surplus: **\$75m**
- Room under '09 cap: **\$79.6m**



# AAC HOME HEATING RELIEF

## FUEL OIL/PROPANE CUSTOMER PROTECTIONS

- Prohibits retail oil or propane dealers from imposing delivery surcharges on more than 100 gallons of oil or any residential delivery that the dealer initiates.

## FURNACE/BOILER REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

- Requires OPM to provide a rebate to people who make repairs or upgrades to their existing furnaces that improve their efficiency and appropriates **\$2m** for this purpose.
- Appropriates an additional **\$3m** for the replacement furnace and boiler rebate program, originally created in PA 07-242.

## CHIF ENERGY CONSERVATION LOAN PROGRAM

- Increases the income eligibility for the Connecticut Housing Investment Fund's (CHIF) Energy Conservation Loan Program from 150%-200% median area income (in Hartford area, 200% median area income is \$162,200).
- Program provides low or no-interest loans for residential energy efficient upgrades such as windows, siding, insulation, roofs, and hot water heaters.
- Requires a 0% interest rate for loans for furnaces or boilers that meet certain energy efficiency standards.
- Appropriates **\$2m** to provide additional funding for loan program.
- Also allows DECD to spend up to **\$250k** for administrative expenses and promotion of program.

## ENERGY CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT

- Appropriates **\$33.5m** to an energy contingency account that can be used for home heating assistance, gives consideration to households with pre-existing all-electric systems and to supplement federal funding for the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program.

## ENERGY AUDITS

- Requires OPM to subsidize energy audits for residential home heating oil customers.
- Appropriates **\$7m** for the program.

## WEATHERIZATION FOR LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS

- Appropriates **\$2m** for a weatherization program targeting low-income households in the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program.

## SPENDING

- Total spending on specified programs: **\$16m**
- Total amount in Energy Contingency Account: Approximately **\$35m**
- Estimated '08 surplus: **\$75m**
- Room under '09 cap: **\$79.6m**